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Dear Sir:

In response to the Telephonic Interview conducted August 16, 2004, concerning the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully submit the attached Summary of Interview.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1 and 2.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. 5,607,593 (Cote et al.).

Proposed Amendments

Examiner Drodge proposed amending Claim 1, in line 6, to delete "at least one of", in line 7, to insert -- adjacent to or connected to the lower potting head and -- after "is", and in line 8, to delete "a cavity below", and to cancel Claim 2.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Examiner Drodge proposed the amendment to better distinguish the claims over Cote et al.

Results of Interview

Applicants agreed to the proposed examiner's amendment.

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REMARKS

Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Drodge for the courteous and helpful interview conducted with Applicants' representative, Rose Thiessen, on August 16, 2004, as summarized above.


Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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